

Amendment No. 1 to SB2723

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2723

House Bill No. 2883*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

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(1) Notwithstanding title 8, chapter 44, part 1, a local board of education may conduct a scheduled board meeting by electronic means, including, but not limited to, telephone, videoconferencing or other web-based media, if a member is absent because the member is required to be out of the county in which the LEA is located for the member's work, a family emergency or military service. Only members who are out of the county for work, family emergency or military service may attend and participate in the meeting electronically.

(2) No board meeting shall be conducted with electronic participation unless a quorum of members are physically present at the location of the meeting.

(3) A board member wishing to participate in a scheduled board meeting electronically who is or will be out of the county because of work shall give at least five (5) days notice prior to the scheduled board meeting of the member's intention to participate electronically.

(4) No board member shall participate electronically in board meetings more than two (2) times per year; except, that this limitation shall not apply to a board member who is out of the county due to military service.

(5) The local board of education shall develop a policy for conducting such meetings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.